(ii) Establishment of Food Processing Industrial Estates/Parks.

(iii) Setting up/expansion/modernisation of food processing industries.

(iv) Research and Development on food processing, including development of traditional food products, packaging, and utilisation of by products.

(v) Strengthening backward linkages of the processed food industry with primary agricultural, horticultural, milk, meat, poultry and other similar production systems.

(vi) Human Resource Development.

(vii) Promotion of food processing industry through participation in national and international exhibitions, and assistance for studies/surveys/seminars.

(viii) Networking with State Governments through designated nodal agencies, and strengthening them through assistance.

Besides, the Govemment have been taking various policy measures for promoting domestic/foreign/NRI investment and providing fiscal reliefs in Excise and Customs etc. for the processed food sector.

Modernisation of Food Processing Industries

4058. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) -whether Govemment propose to take steps on the modernisation of food processing industry in the country;

(b) if so, the incentives proposed to be given to different States or the private entrepreneurs for the purpose; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c) Towards its goal of building up a balanced, rapidly growing and self-reliant processed food industry, the Ministry provides policy support for creating a favourable businesss environment for food processing industries, including fiscal and financial incentives, providing financial assistance through the Ministry's Plan Schemes for industrial investments in the setting up by public, private and joint sector companies involving both the Central and State Governments, cooperatives, NGOs, of processed food plants, specialised technical infrastructure for the processed food industry including the Cold Chain from the farm to rural, semi-urban and urban consumers, analytical quality control, safety and hygiene related laboratories, R&D, and technology development laboratories and projects. Human Resource Development for all sectors of the processed food industry. Total Quality Management (TQM) including ISO-9(XX) and other quality assurance and control measures and Marketing Support.

All these have a bearing on modemisation of processed food industry. Our Schemes are project oriented and not State specific. Difficult areas have been defined by the Ministry to include. Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, North-Eastern States, Islands and Integrated Tribal Development Projects (ITDP) areas which are eligible to get enhanced rate of Plan assistance.

त्रिपुरा और मध्य प्रदेश में गैर पारंपरिक ऊर्जा स्रोतों के माध्यम से विधुत उत्पादन

4059. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव**: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान गैर-पारंपरिक ऊर्जा स्रोत के माध्यम से विद्युत के उत्पादन के लिए त्रिपुरा और मध्य प्रदेश को वर्ष वार कितनी धनराशी जारी की गई है,

(ख) इस अवधि के दौरान निर्धारित किए गए लक्ष्यों और प्राप्त उपलब्धियों का ब्यौरा क्या है, और

(ग) इन राज्यों में गैर-पारंपरिक ऊर्जा स्रोतों के माध्यम से विद्युत उत्पादन हेतु उठे गए कदमों का ब्यौरा क्या है?